

Mississippi Section Report for January 2018

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Thanks to the Jackson ARC for hosting the 2018 Delta Division Convention and another great Capital City Hamfest with 897 Hams in attendance. Hamfest Chairman K5GKY notes that our special guests were K5UR, ARRL President, K5UZ, Delta Division Director, WB4JHQ, Delta Division Vice Director, K5GLS, Delta Division Assistant Director, Arkansas SM N5LKE, and Tennessee SM N9DGK.

We had a great group of forums this year. K2FF and W5UE again organized a DX Forum on Friday night for the 599 DX Association. The featured speaker was K5UR passing along DX war stories and hints on some possible new countries on the horizon. Rick followed up with a Q and A Session on Saturday morning overviewing action in the Board Meeting the weekend before. Next the ARRL Forum was chaired by W5XX followed by a joint meeting of the MSPN and Magnolia Nets organized by W5JGW and KA5ICO.

JARC VE Team Leader AE5SK reports that there were 16 candidates for the Test Session with 6 new Technicians, 3 upgrades to General, and 4 upgrades to Extra.

The grand Prize winner was W5LAC. Major prize winners also were KC5TYYY, KD5MUD, K5GKY, KD5HEZ, KB5JN, AC5YL, and KW5GP.

Hamfest Chairman K5GKY would like to thank the following JARC members and volunteers who made this great event happen: WB5YKR, WB8BXH, KC5LK, K5TDD, KD5SPB, N3TZJ, KE5WAC, KE5JKD, N5GT, AE5SK, W5RUE, KG5FSA, N5TQF, KC5OSM, K5KKD, K5XU, KD5NHJ, K5RWB, W5TWZ, and N5PAN. In addition, XYLs Marsha Wood and Annie Spencer provided the much anticipated Hamfest meals.

SEC KC5IMN reports that during January the state saw unprecedented cold waves, ice, and snow. Single digit temperatures and subzero wind chills covered most of the state. Now, ARES Groups are preparing for the stormy spring season which right around the corner. Sky Warn coordination and storm spotter training are being conducted online and in numerous locations across the state.

K5OLV advises that the Olive Branch ARC participated in a wet Winter Field Day on 27 and 28 January. OBARC members came together in a steady rain to set up a portable station in the parking lot of the Pleasant Hill Elementary School. The station consisted of a 60-foot portable tower topped by an HF log periodic antenna and an 80-meter dipole. Three stations were operated (3 India class/category) from inside the communications trailer of the Olive Branch Civil Air Patrol squadron. Thanks to KHODW and KF5TPT for volunteering the use of this equipment. Approximately 10 club members turned out to provide equipment, setup the station, and man the 24-hour operation. Despite the very marginal conditions, a total of 429 contacts were made. A total score of 9,090 points was submitted.

The Vicksburg ARC again provided communications for the Chill in the Hills Run/Walk which wound its way through the hills and valleys of Vicksburg. Nothing of note happened except VARC members were occasionally asked to step in and help direct runner/walkers. Those participating in the frigid conditions were Chairman N5KWT, KG5OVR, K5IMT, W5WAF, N5JGK, K5NRK, AF5QD, KD5DHR, WB5YKR, KC5VTN, KJ5RC, KB5ZKX, AC5UL, and W5XX.

AF5NG notes that he and KF5ZBP provided consultation for the 2 meter and HF setup at the Biloxi VA Center. They spent a full day working with the Staff figuring out placement of and building antennas for their use. John says they will have to make a return trip to finish the job, due to cable routing requiring outside contractors.

EC WA5TEF reports that several Tupelo Area Hams are working on solar power projects for their Ham Shacks. Jim's is online partially with several more panels to add. His should produce over 1,900 watts at 48 volts and 40 amps of free power!

KD5DHR advises that the Vicksburg ARC is getting into foxhunting having held its second event this month. Participants were, KG5OVR and Jenny Bottemiller (awaiting call), N5JGK, KC5VTN, WB5YKR, and KD5DHR. The transmitter was hidden locally in Vicksburg by K5VXV. The first to find the transmitter in the hunt goes to KC5VTN.

Welcome to W5DIX as Assistant SEC for Digital Operations. Also welcome to AG5GN as EC for Lamar County, N5ARM and WB5TJK as AECs for Lamar County, K5SDB as AEC for Perry County, and N5DIX as AEC for Wayne County.

Also, welcome to the following new Hams in Mississippi in January: KG5WUP, Douglas – Vancleave; KG5WUQ, Joseph – Gulfport; KG5WWW, Leon - Florence; KG5WWX, Brian – Taylorsville; KG5WWY, Richard – Vicksburg; KG5WWZ, Jelicia – Jackson; KG5YAE, Jericho – Columbus; KG5YAU, Mark – Brookhaven; and KG5YAX, Alejandro - Horn Lake.

And, welcome to the following new ARRL Members in January: N5BTY, Gerald – Hattiesburg; KB5BXV, Laura – Olive Branch; KC5EAK, Tim – Carriere; N5GJ, Fred – Saucier; KD5JPN, Rufus – Becker; N5JSG, Jeff – Ellisville; KI6NOE, Paul – Lauderdale; KJ5OZ, Charles – Natchez; WU0P, Charles – Sumrall; KG5PSJ, Amanda – Ellisville; KJ5RC, Carolyn – Vicksburg; KE5SUO, Sylvester – Pearl; AC5UL, Ronnie – Vicksburg; KG5VHL, William – Starkville; and AE5WV, Jacqueline – Saucier.

As of January 31, ARRL Membership in Mississippi was 1,035 even from the last report on December 31.

Congratulations to the following on their upgrades in January: KG5KWL, William – Kiln and KG5WSL, John – Leakesville.

Also, congratulations to Marion County EC AF5NG, who completed ARRL Emergency Communications Course EC-001.

SEC/DEC Reports for January 2018: KC5IMN (SEC), KC5IIW (EC MS), AD7PO (NE MS), N5ZNT (SW MS), and KB0ZTX (NW MS)

EC Reports for January 2018: KG5AVT (AEC)(Rankin), KE5BSB (Itawamba), WB5CON (Alcorn), KF7DLW (Forrest), AE5FK (Walthall), KF5IAY (Carroll and Montgomery), KA5ICO (Chickasaw), KG5IIS (Madison), KF5IIW (Scott), KF5IMA (Lafayette), AD7KJ (Franklin), KF5MWE (Clarke), WX5N (Prentiss), KD5NDU (Yalobusha)(December Report), AF5NG (Marion), AF5PO (Tishomingo), AE5QP (Greene), AA5SG (Jones), AE5SK (AEC)(Copiah/Hinds), KB5SZJ (Lauderdale), WA5TEF (Lee), KF5WVJ (DeSoto), N5ZNT (Lincoln/Wilkinson), and KB0ZTX (Marshall).

Club Newsletter/Reports (Editor): Meridian ARC Spark Gap (W5MAV).

Regret to report the passing of KB5ECY of Poplarville. Phil was a long time checkin to the MSPN.

HF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Magnolia Section Net 31/1125/6 (KA5ICO)

MS Baptist Hams Net 4/22/0 (WF5F)

MSPN 31/2557/9 (W5JGW)

VHF Net Reports - sessions/QNI/QTC (Net Manager)

Alcorn County ARES 5/92/0 (WB5CON)

Booneville and Prentiss County Weekly Net 5/78/0 (WX5N)

Capital Area Emergency Net 3/24/0 (K5XU)

DeSoto County Emergency Training and Information Net 5/105/0 (KF5WVJ)

Forrest County ARES 5/13/2 (KF7DLW)

Greene County ARES 1/11/0 (AE5QP)

Itawamba County ARES Net 4/63/0 (KE5BSB)

Jones County ARES Net 4/95/0 (AA5SG)

K5TAL – American Legion Net 5/53/0 (KA5DON)

Lowndes County ARC Net 5/50/0 (KF5AZ)
Madison County ARES 4/34/0 (KC5IIS)
Marion County ARES Net 5/32/0 (AF5NG)
Marshall County ARES – meets with Desoto County – (KB0ZTX)
MDXA Net 5/37/0 (N5GD)
Meridian Area Emergency Net 5/47/0 (KB5SZJ and KF5ETN)
Metro Jackson ARES Net 4/28/0 (AE5SK)
Mississippi Coast ARA 5/94/0 (N5AHM)
MLen WX Net 4/67/0 (KD5DHR)
MSU ARC 5/79/0 (N5OMK)
Northeast Mississippi Skywarn Net 5/72/0 (WA5TEF)
Olive Branch ARC 15/73/0 (K5OLV)
Rankin County ARES Net 4/48/0 (KG5AVT)
Scott County ARES Training Net 4/30/0 (KC5IIW)
Scott County ARES Simplex Net 1/6/0 (KC5IIW)
Southwest MS ARES Team 3/11/0 (N5ZNT)
Sundancer Solar ARES Net 5/47/0 (KA5ICO)
Tishomingo County ARC Net 5/123/0 (AF5PO)
UMARC UHF Net 4/11/0 (K5LMB)
UMARC VHF Net 4/35/0 (K5LMB)
Walthall County ARES 4/29/0 (AE5FK)

Digital Net Reports

MS NBEMS Traffic Net 4/45/4 (W5DIX)

PSHR – KA5DON 88 and W5XX 74.

Traffic: AD5O 1004, K5LAM 59, KA5DON 38, KG5FRZ 36, and W5XX 2.